AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. (Canceled) 2. (Canceled) 3. (Canceled) 4. (Canceled) 5. (Canceled) 6. (Canceled) 7. (Canceled) 8. (Cançeled) 9. (Canceled) 10. (Canceled) 11. (Canceled) 12. (Canceled) 13. (Currently amended) A method for producing a hydroentangled waterdecomposable fibrous sheet, comprising:
 - (A) a step of sheeting fibers into a fibrous web, in which the fibers contain fibrillated rayon that comprises <u>larger non-mircofibers</u> primary fibers having a predetermined fiber length and <u>smaller microfibers</u> extending from the <u>larger non-microfibers</u> primary fibers and has a
 - degree of beating of at most 700 cc, and
 - (B) a step of pressing the fibrous web wet under heat while the

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surface of the fibrous web is wetted with water, whereby the <u>smaller</u> microfibers existing in the surface are hydrogen-bonded to at least either of other microfibers and other fibers therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a the hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 13, which includes a step (C) of processing the fibrous web through water-jetting treatment between the step (A) and the step (B).